

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for classifying image data sets, to which date data that represents the date of photography are attached, comprising the steps of:

obtaining the date data from the image data sets;

selecting an event corresponding to the date of photography from a database of events, in which events that relate to each of a plurality of people are stored, correlated with dates of the events, the events being organized by said each of a plurality of people; and

correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the image data sets are correlated with the corresponding event by describing the corresponding event in ~~the~~ tag information of the image data sets.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the image data sets are correlated with the corresponding event by saving the image data sets in folders corresponding to the corresponding event.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

selection of a single database from among a plurality of databases is received in the case that a plurality of databases exist; and

the corresponding event is selected from events stored in the selected database.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

a plurality of corresponding events are displayed in the case that a plurality of corresponding events, correlated with dates represented by the date data, are related to the plurality of people;

selection of a single corresponding event from among the plurality of corresponding events is received; and

the image data sets are correlated with the selected corresponding event.

6. (Currently Amended) An image classifying apparatus for classifying image data sets to which date data that represents the date of photography are attached, comprising:

a data obtaining means for obtaining the date data from the image data sets;

a storage means for storing a database of events, in which event that relate to each of a plurality of people are correlated with dates of the events, the events being organized by said each of a plurality of people;

a selecting means for selecting an event corresponding to the date of photography from the database, based on the date of photography represented by the date data; and

a correlating means for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event selected by the selecting means.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The image classifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein:

the correlating means correlates the image data sets with the corresponding event by describing the corresponding event in the tag information of the image data sets.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The image classifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein:

the correlating means correlates the image data sets with the corresponding event by saving the image data sets in folders corresponding to the corresponding event.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The image classifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

a database selecting means for selecting a single database from among a plurality of databases in the case that a plurality of databases exist; wherein

the selecting means selects the corresponding event from among events stored in the selected database.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The image classifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

a display means for displaying a plurality of corresponding events in the case that a plurality of corresponding events, correlated with dates represented by the date data, are related to the plurality of people; and

a selection receiving means for receiving selection of a single corresponding event from among the plurality of corresponding events; wherein

the correlating means correlates the image data sets with the selected corresponding event.

Claims 11 – 15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium having recorded therein a program that causes a computer to execute a method for classifying image data sets, to which date data that represents the date of photography are attached, the program comprising the procedures of:

obtaining the date data from the image data sets;

selecting an event corresponding to the date of photography from a database of events, in which events that relate to each of a plurality of people are stored, correlated with dates of the events, the events being organized by said each of a plurality of people; and

correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event.

17. (Currently Amended) A The recording medium as defined in claim ~~11~~ 16, wherein:
the procedure for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event describes
the corresponding event in the tag information of the image data sets.

18. (Currently Amended) A The recording medium as defined in claim ~~11~~ 16, wherein:
the procedure for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event saves the
image data sets in folders corresponding to the corresponding event.

19. (Currently Amended) A The recording medium as defined in claim ~~11~~ 16, wherein
the program recorded therein further comprises:

a database selecting procedure for selecting a single database from among a plurality of
databases in the case that a plurality of databases exist; wherein

~~the selecting means selects~~ in said selecting event, the corresponding event is selected
from among events stored in the selected database.

20. (Currently Amended) A The recording medium as defined in claim ~~11~~ 16, wherein
the program recorded therein further comprises:

a display procedure for displaying a plurality of corresponding events in the case that a
plurality of corresponding events, correlated with dates represented by the date data, are related
to the plurality of people; and

a selection receiving procedure for receiving selection of a single corresponding event
from among the plurality of corresponding events; wherein

the procedure for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event correlates the image data sets with the selected corresponding event.